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## **Concealed carry gun law would do more harm than good**

Letter to the Editor

Senate Bill SB 116 has been called a women's rights bill which, as a woman and gun owner, strikes me as odd since it has absolutely nothing to do with women.

Current law requires anyone who desires to legally carry a concealed, loaded gun fill out a brief pistol permit application, which is easily acquired, and drop it off at their local police station. The permit must be issued within 14 days, is good for four years and the fee is \$10. Here in Nashua, it takes as little as 7 days to receive a permit.

SB 116 Constitutional Carry does away with this law and would allow anyone to carry a loaded, concealed gun. As one law enforcement official who testified against the bill at a Senate committee hearing said, "This would allow kids – 13, 14 years old – to carry guns concealed because there is no minimum age in New Hampshire."

Repealing this law would also take away law enforcement's ability to deny a concealed carry license to individuals who are a danger to themselves or others. This could range from someone who has been in numerous bar fights and shouldn't be allowed to legally carry a loaded, concealed gun, to a domestic abuser who has not been formally indicted yet.

SB 116 would do more harm than good, and the Senate should reject it.

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